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SUBJ: LEBANESE SITUATION REPORT, FEBRUARY 17, 1800 LOCAL

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1. MILITARY SITUATION REMAINS GENERALLY CALM, AND
SYRIANS HAVE NOT RESUMED SHELLING.

2. PHALANGE POLITBURO MEMBER KARIM PAKRADOUNI TOLD
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POLOFF AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 17 THAT WARRANTS HAVE BEEN
ISSUED FOR ARREST OF FIVE PEOPLE SUSPECTED TO BE INVOLVED
IN THE FURN ASH SHUBBAK KILLINGS ON FEBRUARY 15. CAMILLE
CHAMOUN AND PIERRE GEMAYEL, ALTHOUGH AGREEING TO THE
ISSUANCE OF THESE WARRANTS, HAVE SO FAR REFUSED TO ASSUME
THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR TURNING OVER THE SUSPECTS
TO THE AUTHORITIES, PAKRADOUNI SAID.

3. AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 17, ARMA OBSERVED THAT SYRIAN UNIT HAD OCCUPIED HILL OVERLOOKING NAHR AL KALB TUNNEL ON ROAD TO JUNIYAH (OCCUPATION HAS OCCURRED SOMETIME WITHIN LAST FOUR DAYS). ARMA ALSO OBSERVED NEAR AL MURUJ A COLUMN OF VEHICLES MOVING WEST WHICH INCLUDED 17 TANKS, SIX 160 MM MORTARS, 57 MM ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS AND THREE BMP ARMORED VEHICLES. UNIT WAS PROBABLY COMING FROM ZAHLE (ARMA WAS UNSURE WHETHER UNIT WAS NEW TO LEBANON). MAIN INTERSECTION AT AL MURUJ WAS CONTROLLED BY SYRIAN AIRBORNE TROOPS. THREE TANKS AND ONE BMP, APPARENTLY SERVING AS AN ADVANCE PARTY, WERE AT DUHUR ASH SHUWAYR. BETWEEN AL MURUJ AND SIN AL-FIL ALONG ROAD GOING THROUGH BRUMANNA, THERE WERE NO SYRIAN CHECK-POINTS AT PLACES WHERE THEY HAD BEEN BEFORE.
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